AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The amendments to the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claims 1-71 (canceled)

72. (new) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1;

(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2; and

(c) a nucleotide sequence fully complementary to (a) or (b).

73. (new) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to the sequence of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 72, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide that is an IL-17 receptor like protein.

74. (new) An isolated nucleic acid molecule that encodes a polypeptide that is an IL-17 receptor like protein, wherein the nucleic acid molecule hybridizes to the complement of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 72 under the following stringent conditions: a final wash of 0.015 M sodium chloride and 0.0015 M sodium citrate at 65-68°C.

75. (new) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 72, 73 or 74.

76. (new) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 75.

77. (new) The host cell of claim 76 that is a eukaryotic cell.

78. (new) The host cell of claim 77 that is a prokaryotic cell.

79. (new) A process of producing an IL-17 receptor like polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 76 under suitable conditions to express the polypeptide, and optionally isolating the polypeptide from the culture.

80. (new) The process of claim 79, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises promoter DNA other than the promoter DNA for the native IL-17 receptor like polypeptide operatively linked to the DNA encoding the IL-17 receptor like polypeptide.

81. (new) A composition comprising a nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 72, 73, or 74 and a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation agent.

82. (new) A composition of claim 81 wherein said nucleic acid molecule is contained in a viral vector.

83. (new) A viral vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 72, 73, or 74.